

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1 and 4-15 are the claims currently pending in the Application.

Claims 1, 4-7 and 9-14 are amended to clarify features recited thereby.

Foreign Priority

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the priority document.

Information Disclosure Statement

Further, Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging review and consideration of the references cited in the information disclosure statement filed on September 9th, 2002.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objects to a minor error on page 2, line 5, of the Specification. Further, the Examiner objects to extraneous words included in the Abstract of the Disclosure.

The Specification and the Abstract are hereby amended. Therefore, these objections should now be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 2, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because of an insufficient antecedent basis issue.

Claims 2, 3 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection is moot with respect to these claims.

Claim 4 is amended. Therefore, this rejection should now be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by King et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,169,498. This rejection is traversed.

According to an aspect of Applicants' claimed invention, proximity of the presentation device to the location assigned to an information unit determines, at least in part, whether the display device accesses the information unit in full or to a limited extent. For example, according to an aspect of the Applicants' invention, access is permitted to the display device only to a limited extent, such as for example by display of a representative icon, when a relatively small distance separates the physical location of the presentation device and the location assigned to information unit, or full access may be permitted, such as for example when the physical location of the display device substantially corresponds to the location assigned to the information unit.

For at least the following reasons, the cited references neither disclose nor teach Applicants' claimed invention. By way of example, independent claims 1 and 14 require controlling the presentation of the information unit, such that a full presentation of the information unit is permitted when the physical location of the presentation device and the location to which the information unit is assigned are substantially equal, and a limited presentation of the information unit is permitted when a relatively small distance separates the

physical location of the presentation device and the location to which the information unit is assigned.

King discloses communication of location-specific messages, such that a portable device, such as a personal digital assistant, receives a code that uniquely identifies a location-specific message, for example in museum or at an airport (King, Abstract, column 4, lines 24-34). King discloses that when the portable device is brought within the range of a radio beacon at the location, the relevant code or codes are presented on the display of the portable device, and thereby the user is able to select and initiate the appropriate location-specific message stored in the memory of the portable device (King, column 5, lines 26-32).

King does not disclose or suggest controlling full or limited presentation of the information unit based upon a relative distance between the physical location of the presentation device and the location to which the information unit is assigned. That is, King is not directed to controlling what portion on the information unit is to be displayed based on distance.

Clearly, King does not disclose or suggest controlling the presentation of the information unit, such that a full presentation of the information unit is permitted when the physical location of the presentation device and the location to which the information unit is assigned are substantially equal, and a limited presentation of the information unit is permitted when a relatively small distance separates the physical location of the presentation device and the location to which the information unit is assigned, as *inter alia* required by independent claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, King does not disclose or suggest the recitations of independent claims 1 and 14.

Claims 4-13 and 15 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1, and thus incorporate novel and non-obvious features thereof. Therefore, claims 4-13 and 15 are

patentably distinguishable the prior art for at least the reasons that independent claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, this rejection should now be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing discussion, the Application is now believed to be allowable and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection, and to allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions about the within remarks, or about the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Enclosure: Substitute Abstract

SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a system for storing and accessing information units. It comprises at least one storage device for storing the information units, at least one presentation device for presenting the information units, and a network connecting the storage device and the presentation device. At least one of the information units is assigned to a physical location. The system further comprises positioning means for determining the physical location of the presentation device, and presentation control means for controlling the presentation of a respective information unit in dependence on the physical location of the presentation device and on the location to which the respective information unit is assigned.